



Homeland Security

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Current Nationwide Threat Level

ELEVATED

Significant Risk of Terrorist Attacks

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- According to PC magazine, Intel confirmed that the leaked HDCP master key protecting millions of protected devices, including Blu-ray drives, from unlicensed recording and authentication is legitimate. (See item [45](#))
- KSAT 12 reports that at least three people were injured, one critically, in an explosion and fire at the Aquarium Inn near the Texas State Aquarium and the USS Lexington in Corpus Christi, Texas. (See item [54](#))

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Energy Sector

Current Electricity Sector Threat Alert Levels: **Physical:** ELEVATED, **Cyber:** ELEVATED

Scale: LOW, GUARDED, ELEVATED, HIGH, SEVERE [Source: ISAC for the Electricity Sector (ES-ISAC) - <http://www.esisac.com>]

1. *September 17, NPR and Associated Press* – (New York) **Investigators assess whether tornado hit New York City.** At least 30,000 customers were without power the night of September 16 after heavy thunderstorms with high winds pummeled New York City, according to a spokesman for Consolidated Edison. He said the hardest hit was Queens, with 27,000 outages. Residents, utility crews and railroad workers were cleaning up debris a day after the storm cut across New York City at the height of rush hour,

blowing down trees, stripping roofs from homes, disrupting train service and killing at least one person. Officials at Long Island Rail Road, the nation's largest commuter rail line, said crews were working through the night to clear tracks of fallen trees, which caused service to be suspended temporarily between Penn Station in Manhattan and Jamaica, Queens. They expected to have full service restored in time for the morning rush hour September 17.

Source: <http://www.npr.org/templates/story/story.php?storyId=129926995>

2. *September 17, Associated Press* – (New Jersey) **More than 35,000 without power in N.J. after storms.** Thousands of people in New Jersey were without power September 16 after some powerful, fast-moving storms roared through the state. No injuries were reported. But authorities said the storms — which contained strong winds, heavy rains and dangerous lightning — knocked down trees and power lines in many towns and caused some moderate property damage. The weather also forced the cancellations of some sporting events, including several high school football games and minor league baseball playoff games in Trenton and Lakewood. About 36,000 customers statewide were without power as of 9:15 p.m. Utility officials said most customers should have power restored by late September 16. Perth Amboy's mayor declared a state of emergency in her Middlesex County community, ordering city employees to launch a "massive cleanup." The storm was also affecting travel in some areas, as police directed traffic in areas where the storm knocked out traffic lights. NJ Transit reported delays of 20 to 30 minutes on the North Jersey Coast Line outbound from Hazlet to Long Branch and inbound from Middletown to New York due to downed trees. Normal service was restored around 7:45 p.m., and no further delays were reported. Meanwhile, storm-related delays — some as long as 1 hour — were being reported at Newark Liberty International Airport and other area airports, mostly involving arriving flights. Source: <http://www.mycentraljersey.com/article/20100917/STATE/100917003/More-than-35-000-without-power-in-NJ-after-storms>
3. *September 16, Wall Street Journal* – (National) **Plugs ordered on idle wells.** Oil and gas companies must permanently plug thousands of Gulf of Mexico wells idle for 5 years or more under a federal order issued September 15. The mandate could cost well owners billions of dollars, but it could also create jobs for rig workers idled by a federal clampdown on new offshore exploration. The U.S. Interior Department and its offshore-drilling oversight agency said companies must cement 3,500 wells that aren't producing oil or gas. Another 650 oil and gas platforms must be dismantled if they are no longer being used, the government said. The mandate becomes effective October 15. Owners of such wells would have to pay for the permanent sealing of the wells and abandon the opportunity of reopening them for production. The announcement boosted the stock prices of some oil-field service and offshore drilling companies, as investors bet the companies could profit from new government-mandated work. Source: <http://online.wsj.com/article/SB20001424052748703743504575493782591743858.html>

4. *September 16, WGNO 26 New Orleans* – (Louisiana) **Chalmette refining releases 19 tons of catalyst, not one ton as previously claimed.** The follow-up report Chalmette Refining submitted 1 week after a Labor Day power outage and chemical accident shows the amount of catalyst and sulfur dioxide released into the community far exceeded public statements. The new figure discovered in refinery reports to the state shows 19 tons of catalyst escaped from the flue gas scrubber vent, raining down on the surrounding neighborhoods in the form of a powder-like dust. “The refinery’s response sounds a lot like BP and the oil spill,” said a member of the Louisiana Bucket Brigade. “Chalmette Refining is either incompetent in managing their product or they are untruthful in statements to the public.” Besides catalyst, the original estimates reported 2,000 pounds of asthma-inducing sulfur dioxide released; the figure is now reported as 106,646 pounds. The accident also sent 283 pounds of hydrogen sulfide to the flare. Source: <http://www.neworleans.com/news/local-news/475771.html>
5. *September 15, San Francisco Bay Citizen* – (California) **PG&E invokes security concerns for pipeline secrecy.** PG&E’s deadly explosion in San Bruno, California last week laid bare the hazards of California’s aging gas pipelines, but details on the company’s gas network remain cloaked in secrecy, raising questions from First Amendment advocates. The company this week refused to release the locations of its riskiest gas-transmission pipelines, citing security concerns. The company also declined to provide a list of these pipelines, though it would not say why. “For safety and security reasons, we don’t disclose that information,” said a PG&E spokeswoman. “This is very specific information. We are a very transparent company.” Asked whether the Department of Homeland Security had issued a specific directive regarding the release of public records, the spokesman promised to look into it. For their part, federal officials say they had issued no such directive. “TSA [The Transportation Security Administration] does not encourage utilities to keep the locations of gas pipelines that are a high-risk for failure from the public,” said an agency spokeswoman. The TSA, however, has discouraged utilities and pipeline companies from posting maps of their entire systems on the Web “for obvious security reasons.” As a private company, PG&E is not obliged to furnish records under the California Public Records Act. Source: <http://www.baycitizen.org/san-bruno-explosion/story/pge-invokes-security-concerns-pipeline/>

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Chemical Industry Sector

6. *September 16, Bloomberg* – (National) **U.S. Chemical Safety Board studying nine accidents.** Refineries owned by BP Plc, Exxon Mobil Corp. and Tesoro Corp. are under investigation by the U.S. Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board, according to the agency’s head. The board has nine open refinery accident investigations the board chairman said September 16 at a United Steelworkers conference in Irving, Texas. The board is an independent agency that investigates

chemical accidents at industrial facilities. The board's Web site lists these current investigations: The April 20 explosion on the Deepwater Horizon oil rig in the Gulf of Mexico owned by Transocean Ltd. and under contract to BP; the April 2 chemical explosion at Tesoro's plant in Anacortes, Washington; two separate explosions at Silver Eagle Refining Inc.'s Woods Cross, Utah, refinery, on January 12 and November 4, 2009; an October 23, 2009. fire and explosion at the Caribbean Petroleum Corp. plant near San Juan, Puerto Rico; a hydrocarbon fire at Tesoro's Salt Lake City, Utah, refinery on Oct. 21, 2009; an alkylation unit release of propane and hydrogen fluoride at Exxon Mobil's Joliet, Illinois, plant on August 6, 2009; a fire at Citgo's Corpus Christi, Texas, refinery on July 19, 2009; and an explosion that killed a worker at BP's Texas City refinery when the top of a steel filter housing blew off in the ultracracker. Source: <http://www.bloomberg.com/news/2010-09-16/u-s-chemical-safety-board-studying-nine-accidents-update1-.html>

7. *September 16, Danville Register & Bee* – (Virginia) **Pittsylvania County chemical plant evacuated after reactor incident.** An incident involving a pilot reactor at DanChem Technologies, Inc. near Danville, Virginia, forced the evacuation of 93 people September 16. No one was injured in the incident, and there were no chemicals released outside the facility on Old Richmond Road, the Pittsylvania County director of emergency services said. Fire department personnel from Danville and Ringgold responded, along with rescue personnel, the Virginia State Police, and the Pittsylvania County Sheriff's Office. The investigation is ongoing. Source: <http://www2.godanriver.com/news/2010/sep/16/chemical-plant-evacuated-after-reactor-in-ar-508847/>
8. *September 16, Knoxville News Sentinel* – (Tennessee) **Traffic back to normal after spill on I-40 at Western Avenue.** Eastbound traffic on Interstate 40 at the Western Avenue and 17th Street exit in Knoxville, Tennessee, was back to normal the afternoon of September 16 after authorities cleaned up a chemical spill affecting the roadway. A spokesman for the Knoxville Fire Department said the department's hazardous materials team was called to the scene about 1:45 p.m. after a trailer being pulled by a vehicle came loose from the bumper. He said the trailer was carrying a drain opener. Authorities at first thought the substance was cleaning supplies. "But then it began eating the pavement," he said. The trailer did not include any chemical placards identifying its contents and firefighters had to rely on the van's driver to tell them what the product was. The uninjured driver, from Denver, Colorado, told authorities he was transporting the liquid to sell it at a flea market in North Carolina. Source: <http://www.knoxnews.com/news/2010/sep/16/spill-closes-eastbound-lane-i-40-western-avenue/>
9. *September 10, KXAN 36 Austin* – (Texas) **Chemical leak at Texas State cleaned up.** Texas State University officials reported September 16 there was a leak of an undetermined amount of sulfuric acid from the school's physical plant in San Marcos, Texas. Most of the liquid was contained in a retention basin, but a small amount escaped, said officials. San Marcos Fire Department and Hazardous Materials team used soda ash to neutralize and remove the acid before it flowed to the San Marcos

River. The physical plant uses the material to delime equipment in the plant. There was no public health concern indicated. Personnel from the Texas Parks and Wildlife's Kills and Spills team assessed the environmental impact of the spill.

Source: <http://www.kxan.com/dpp/news/education/chemical-leak-at-texas-state-cleaned-up>

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Nuclear Reactors, Materials and Waste Sector

10. *September 16, San Diego North County Times* – (California) **San Onofre: Inspector said San Onofre employees still fear retaliation.** San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station's chief resident inspector said September 16 that he still encounters employees who do not trust management enough to report problems at the San Clemente, California plant, despite a rare and especially stern warning from regulators in March. "It's pretty evident to us that you need to continue to build trust," said the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's (NRC's) top inspector at San Onofre. In March, the NRC issued a letter putting Southern California Edison, San Onofre's majority owner and operator, on notice that about 5 percent of plant workers feared reporting problems for fear of retaliation. Commission and Edison officials discussed the steps that have been taken to rebuild trust between workers and management during a public meeting September 16 at a hotel in Dana Point. Several top executives said they have taken numerous steps, from small meetings throughout the plant, to moving the office where employees can report problems to a more central location. Edison also created a new way for workers to report problems anonymously.

Source: http://www.nctimes.com/news/local/sdcounty/article_4ac064f9-d9ce-5219-9440-0ea7e3b97c48.html

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Critical Manufacturing Sector

Nothing to report

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Defense Industrial Base Sector

11. *September 17, Aviation Week* – (National) **ABL shifts back to solid-fuel targets.** The U.S. Missile Defense Agency (MDA) is planning a shoot-down attempt by the 747-400F-based Airborne Laser (ABL) against a solid-fuel target by the end of this month. Officials close to the program said that flight testing will shift back to solid-fueled targets for the time being. The likely target in the upcoming test is a Terrier Black Brant unguided sounding rocket, which was the first target engaged in February by ABL and mimics the early flight phases of a short-range ballistic missile (SRBM). A planned test in October will attempt a shootdown of a solid-fueled target at three times

the range of the February engagement. Meanwhile, MDA officials are testing software fixes to the system following a September 1 failed attempt to shoot down a liquid-fueled SRBM. The ABL “detected and tracked the target. However, the experiment terminated early when corrupted beam-control software steered the high-energy laser slightly off center,” officials said in a statement. The failure review continues, but early results point to a communication software error that caused the laser to become misaligned.

Source:

http://www.aviationweek.com/aw/generic/story_channel.jsp?channel=defense&id=news/asd/2010/09/17/02.xml

12. *September 16, Military Times* – (National) **Fire Scout unmanned helos to resume flights.** Flights of the MQ-8B Fire Scout, a small, unmanned helicopter the Navy is testing to operate from its warships, will resume September 20, the Navy announced September 16. The flights will end a period where the drones were grounded after operators lost control of one August 2 and it entered restricted airspace around Washington D.C. This time, however, the mini-helos will be flying in a somewhat less-congested area: Yuma, Arizona. The service had been flying Fire Scouts out of Webster Field, an annex to nearby Naval Air Station Patuxent River in southern Maryland. Testing will resume at Webster Field, but only after engineers validate updated software for the aircraft.

Source: <http://www.militarytimes.com/news/2010/09/navy-fire-scout-to-resume-flights-at-yuma-091610w/>

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Banking and Finance Sector

13. *September 17, Buffalo News* – (National) **Snyder woman admits felony wire fraud.** A Snyder, New York woman who worked at a Florida-based mortgage company pleaded guilty to a felony wire fraud charge in connection with a mortgage fraud scheme that cost nine banks a total of \$24 million. She pleaded guilty before a U.S. District Judge the week of September 13, admitting to wire fraud affecting a financial institution. As an employee at Federal Guaranty Mortgage Co., she was responsible for preparing loan packages and forwarding the documents to financial institutions, according to an Assistant U.S. Attorney. The suspect admitted that she sometimes would sign several fraudulent mortgage applications for the same piece of property. Multiple mortgages would be obtained for the same property purchase, and the proceeds for the fraudulent mortgages would be wired to the account of a company associated with the company for which she worked. Because of her actions, M&T Bank was one of nine financial institutions to suffer a loss, prosecutors said. The banks’ total losses amounted to about \$24 million, federal officials said.

Source: <http://www.buffalonews.com/city/article193110.ece>

14. *September 16, SC Magazine UK* – (International) **Emails containing Zeus malware detected, as removal tool announced.** Warnings have been made of a new wave of

malicious e-mail messages that carry a Zeus payload. According to Websense Security Labs, the campaign is related to pharmaceutical spam messages, except it combines an HTML or ZIP attachment with a social engineering technique. Detection found in the case of an HTML attachment, criminals are using an obfuscated JavaScript, and content is encrypted with a commercially available HTML obfuscation tool. Websense said when viewing the deobfuscated content, it saw the script uses a meta refresh tag to redirect a user who views the attachment. The script checks what browser is used and only performs the redirection if Firefox, Chrome, or Safari is used. Someone using an affected browser will get redirected to a pharmaceutical site. The “label.zip” file contains “label.exe,” which is a copy of Zeus. The malware copies itself to C:\Documents and Settings\user\Application Data\Ewca\refef.exe, and tries to access two sites located in the .ru zone. The announcement came as BitDefender released its Zbot/Zeus removal tool.

Source: <http://www.scmagazineuk.com/emails-containing-zeus-malware-detected-as-removal-tool-announced/article/179033/>

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Transportation Sector

15. *September 17, Associated Press* – (Alaska) **Floatplanes collide during takeoff, pilots hurt.** A federal investigator said two pilots survived the collision of two floatplanes that took off from a pond in Dillingham, Alaska. A National Transportation Safety Board investigator said that one pilot had major but non-life-threatening injuries, while the other pilot sustained minor injuries. The pilots were not immediately identified. The planes collided during takeoff at Shannon’s Pond. The accident is under investigation. Dillingham is about 350 miles southwest of Anchorage.

Source: <http://www.thenewstribune.com/2010/09/16/1344761/floatplanes-collide-during-takeoff.html>

16. *September 17, CNN* – (International) **Manchester Airport terminal reopens after evacuation.** Terminal One at Manchester Airport in England was reopened September 17 after being briefly evacuated because of a suspect package, police said. Police said they responded after reports of the suspect package going through security at the departures area of the terminal. They evacuated the terminal and bomb disposal officers examined the package, later confirming it posed no threat to the public. Officers spoke to the man who owns the package and said no offenses had been committed.

Source: <http://www.cnn.com/2010/WORLD/europe/09/17/uk.airport.evacuation/>

17. *September 17, Associated Press* – (Alaska) **FAA: Remote flight service station to be repaired.** The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) said plans are moving forward to repair a remote communications outlet on Kemuk Mountain, Alaska that serves flights between Kenai and Dillingham at the end of this month. The Bristol Bay Times reports that the communications outlet has been down since October of last year, even though it is used by pilots and flight service stations in Kenai and Dillingham, and is occasionally used by Alaska Airlines and Peninsula Airways. An FAA spokesman said

the repairs are on time and extreme weather conditions continue to be a challenge for the agency. An inspection of the outlet in April found that the wind generators stopped functioning, the solar panels were covered in snow and hoarfrost, and an antenna was sheared off by ice.

Source: <http://www.ktuu.com/news/ktuu-kemuk-mountain-station-repairs-091610,0,1310935.story>

18. *September 17, New York Times* – (New York) **City workers clear debris in aftermath of fierce storm.** New York City struggled to recover September 17 from a fierce storm that roared through the previous evening, throwing down trees like sticks, crippling debris-strewn neighborhoods in Brooklyn, Queens and Staten Island, disrupting commuter rail service and killing at least one person. Crews from the Long Island Rail Road worked through the night to remove debris from tracks. Service on the Port Washington line was suspended throughout the night, but partially restored by 7 a.m. September 17. Officials warned of delays throughout the morning rush hour. City officials said they would focus on cleaning up the debris from the storm — particularly downed tree limbs in many parts of the city — but they cautioned they were still trying to determine the scope of the task. Several schools throughout the city were damaged by the storm, but only John Bowne High School in Queens was closed September 17. The fast-moving storm, with winds estimated at 60 to 80 miles per hour, caused widespread damage. There were numerous reports of small fires, power failures and damage to homes, stores and vehicles.

Source: <http://www.nytimes.com/2010/09/18/nyregion/18weather.html?hp>

19. *September 17, Wichita Eagle* – (Kansas) **Nine tornadoes reported in area storms; damage widespread.** Authorities around Wichita and south-central Kansas spent September 16 assessing the damage wrought by an outbreak of intense thunderstorms that delivered massive hail, a handful of brief tornadoes and potent winds to the region the previous night. Power outages caused by the storm closed all schools in Winfield and two schools in Haysville: Campus High School and Ruth Clark Elementary. “Hail was so large and heavy it came all the way through the roof” of the terminal building at Mid-Continent Airport, said the airport’s air service and business development manager. The worst damage was in the concourse next to Gates 9, 11 and 12, she said. More stones punched holes in skylights above the ticketing area. Three aircraft — one each from Continental, United and Federal Express — were damaged by hail and need to be towed to their maintenance sheds for repairs, she said. A half-dozen vehicles in the long-term parking lot had windshields or back windows shattered by hail. Airport passengers and employees were sent to the terminal’s basement storm shelter at the height of the storm, she said.

Source: <http://www.kansas.com/2010/09/17/1497645/ge-widespread.html>

20. *September 17, Associated Press* – (California) **Hawaiian Airlines flight delayed because of threat.** The FBI said a telephone bomb threat forced the delay of a Hawaiian Airlines flight out of Los Angeles, California. The Los Angeles Times reported Flight 9 was scheduled to leave Los Angeles International Airport for Honolulu at 6 p.m. September 16. An FBI spokeswoman said the Boeing 767 was

thoroughly searched and passengers and luggage were re-screened. Authorities determined there was no credible threat and the flight took off after 8 p.m. The Times said there were 225 people aboard the plane. The incident is under investigation.

Source:

<http://www.google.com/hostednews/ap/article/ALeqM5iK4iVLXxWGSNDJSGehdEBnZIU42QD9I9H3H80>

21. *September 16, Fort Worth Star-Telegram* – (International) **American jet makes emergency landing in Canada because of ‘an electrical odor’**. Wire services are reporting that an American Airlines flight from Milan, Italy to New York made an emergency landing in Canada September 16. The Boeing 767-300 landed in Halifax, Nova Scotia after the crew detected “an electrical odor” in the cockpit. “Maintenance determined that the electrical odor was caused by a cooling fan located beneath the cockpit — the fan is there to cool electronic equipment mounted in the nose area of the aircraft,” an American Airlines spokesman told Agence France-Presse. The spokesman added that the fan was unplugged and the flight resumed to New York where the part will be replaced.

Source: http://blogs.star-telegram.com/sky_talk/2010/09/american-jet-makes-emergency-landing-in-canada-because-of-an-electrical-odor.html

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Postal and Shipping Sector

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Agriculture and Food Sector

22. *September 17, Food Safety News* – (Ohio) **Illegal drug residue found in Ohio bob veal calf**. An Ohio dairy farm went way over the limit for using the antibiotics Sulfamethoxazole in conjunction with Trimethoprim in treating an ill animal, probably for a urinary tract infection. Raber View Holstein, based outside Millersburg, Ohio, then sold the bob veal calf for slaughter as food for human consumption. USDA’s Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) took tissue samples from the animal. Test results on those samples showed the presence of 0.829 parts per million (ppm) of Sulfamethoxazole in the muscle and 0.484 ppm of the sulfa drug in the liver. The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has a zero tolerance policy for Sulfamethoxazole in edible tissues of animals slaughtered and sold for human consumption. The presence of the drug means the meat is adulterated under federal law. In a September 8 warning letter, FDA told the bob-calf operation that it violated the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act. FDA said Raber View Holstein did not use the animal combination in the manner prescribed on the labels for the two drugs. So-called “extralabel” use of the

animal drugs is prohibited unless done so on the lawful order of a licensed veterinarian.
Source: <http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2010/09/illegal-drug-residues-found-in-ohio-bob-veal-calf/>

23. *September 17, Associated Press* – (Illinois) **Mildew widespread in Ill. basil crop; state among the country's top growers.** A University of Illinois plant expert said the state's sizable basil crop is being hit hard by a disease called basil downy mildew. The plant pathologist said the disease is widespread in Illinois. The state grows about \$10 million worth of the leafy herb every year and is one of the country's top producers. He said September 16 the mildew spreads rapidly and can lead to total crop loss. The disease was first found in Illinois in 2009. He said he has worked on a regimen of fungicide spraying that so far has helped growers control the mildew.
Source: <http://www.fox2now.com/news/sns-ap-il--basilmildew,0,5700456.story>
24. *September 16, Associated Press* – (Oregon; National) **Ore. company recalls crab meat products.** Hallmark Fisheries of Charleston, Oregon, is recalling several packaged crab meat products because they have the potential to be contaminated with *Listeria monocytogenes*. No illnesses have been reported. The crab meat is sold under the brands Hallmark, Peacock, Quality Ocean International and Yaquina Bay in 5-pound cans, 1-pound vacuum packs, 1-pound plastic tubs and 8-ounce plastic tubs. It was distributed in Washington, Nevada, Oregon and California, primarily to food service companies.
Source: http://www.seattlepi.com/local/6420ap_or_crab_meat_recall.html
25. *September 16, WWTN 9 Cadillac* – (Michigan) **Second cattle herd infected with bovine TB cause for concern.** In March 2010, the Michigan Department of Agriculture (MDA) found a bovine Tuberculosis positive herd in Emmet County, Michigan. One of their bulls was recently linked to a second farm, and that marks the second herd infected in Emmet County this year. That has some people worried because two more infected herds would mean tighter regulations for local farmers. It is also a public safety concern, since bovine TB can be transferred to humans through infected milk. "The main way to protect themselves is making sure they're drinking pasteurized milk because pasteurization kills the bacteria," the MDA bovine TB project coordinator said. The MDA met with local farms and community members to talk about bovine TB's impact.
Source: <http://www.9and10news.com/Category/Story/?id=254474&cID=1>

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Water Sector

26. *September 17, KMGH 7 Denver* – (Colorado) **Water quality concerns arise after wildfires.** Colorado water quality experts said problems are likely after recent wildfires in Boulder and Larimer County. The governor allocated \$900,000 September 16 to help with efforts to repair damaged water systems. Work will start taking place immediately to make sure water systems in the fire zone are not damaged. State health officials said

as soon as it starts to rain and snow, ash will flow into the local water supply, including the Boulder Reservoir. “There can be sediment that flows off and causes filtration problems. When they try to filter it, it can clog the filters,” said a spokesman from the state’s water quality office. Even though no problems are reported yet, he notes that it is possible that some residents could be asked to boil their water or buy bottled water in the future. The expense of a wildfire can be astronomical. Because of the Hayman Fire in 2002 and other smaller blazes, as much as \$40 million may be spent to remove sediment from local reservoirs. But the most recent fires are smaller in size. The hope is that the damage and the cost will be significantly less.

Source: <http://www.thedenverchannel.com/news/25045517/detail.html>

27. *September 17, WBNG 12 Binghamton* – (Pennsylvania) **Chemical contamination of Dimock water.** An environmental engineer tested the water in the Susquehanna County community of Dimock, Pennsylvania, and said almost every sample contained toxic chemicals. Three laboratories verified the results. The tests found industrial solvents like toluene and ethylbenzene. But the engineer said there is no way to know for sure if the chemicals in the water were caused by gas drilling. Last year, Dimock landowners sued Cabot Oil & Gas for contaminating their drinking water with methane gas and other pollutants. Pennsylvania’s Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) determined Cabot’s drilling wells had defective casings that allowed gas to leak into groundwater. The DEP fined Cabot and ordered it to clean up the pollution, as well as find a solution to restore clean drinking water to homeowners. September 16, Pennsylvania’s top environmental regulator said the only real solution would be to connect those homes to the public water supply in Montrose. It would cost \$10 million. Source: <http://www.wbng.com/news/local/Chemical-Contamination-of-Dimock-Water-103121379.html>
28. *September 15, Winston-Salem Journal* – (North Carolina) **Sewage spills into Mount Airy streams.** State water-quality officials are investigating three spills that dumped more than 21,000 gallons of wastewater into streams in Mount Airy, North Carolina. The spills did not kill any fish or cause other environmental damage, a utilities-maintenance supervisor for Mount Airy, said September 14. The largest spill occurred September 10 when 13,250 gallons of wastewater spilled from a sewer line near 733 N. South St. into a tributary that flows into Lovills Creek, the city said. The spill occurred after a joint connecting two pipes failed. The two other spills happened after sewer lines became clogged with cooking grease and other materials, causing wastewater to overflow through manholes. The first was September 9, when 2,650 gallons spilled from a sewer line behind 445 Galloway St. into a tributary of the Ararat River. The second took place September 12. About 5,850 gallons spilled from a sewer line into Tumbling Rock Creek. City crews repaired the lines, and cleaned up the spills. Source: <http://www2.journalnow.com/news/2010/sep/15/sewage-spills-into-mount-airy-streams-ar-398900/>
29. *September 15, KOCO 5 Oklahoma City* – (Oklahoma) **Apache: E. coli test could be error.** Officials said the E. coli outbreak in Apache, Oklahoma wells September 14 could be the result of a testing error. One of the wells in Apache came back with a

positive test for the deadly bacteria. Even if the test was the problem, city leaders said they're not going to take any chances. "That well, right now, is running, but it's being pumped on the ground," said the Apache Water superintendent. Officials said they turned on the water with no idea that the water might be tainted. "Before I knew it was positive, it had been online for about 6 hours," the superintendent said. "It's offline now and it will stay off until the [Department of Environmental Quality] gives us the OK to put it back online." The city is now chlorinating the well, hoping the next round of tests come back bacteria-free. The Apache mayor said the city is passing out bottled water and answering questions, and easing concerns.

Source: <http://www.koco.com/r/25029968/detail.html>

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Public Health and Healthcare Sector

30. *September 17, Associated Press* – (California) **Janitor steals patient records for recycling money.** Prosecutors have charged a Southern California health clinic janitor with stealing boxes of patient records to sell for recycling money. The Los Angeles County chief executive said the stolen printouts of about 30,000 patient names, address and phone numbers from the Martin Luther King Jr. Multi-Service Ambulatory Care Center didn't contain private medical information. The Los Angeles Times said the 55-year-old man was arrested September 10 and he was charged September 13 with felony commercial burglary and placed on administrative leave. Jail records show he was released on his own recognizance. A sheriff's spokesman said the janitor was known for recycling bottles and cans and admitted selling the 14 boxes of patient information for \$40.

Source: <http://www.sfgate.com/cgi-bin/article.cgi?f=/n/a/2010/09/17/state/n054606D44.DTL&tsp=1>

31. *September 17, Jackson Citizen Patriot* – (Michigan) **Update: Whooping cough on the rise in Jackson, statewide.** A recent diagnosis of whooping cough — also known as pertussis — involving a student at Jackson's Cascades Elementary School in Jackson, Michigan is one of 15 confirmed cases in the county this year in addition to four "probable" cases, said the director of personal and preventative health services for the Jackson County Health Department. That's up from an average of 4.25 annually in the previous 4 years, she said. Statewide, 770 cases are reported this year, she said, compared to 543 for all of 2009. Health officials are unsure why cases are on the rise. In some cases, people who have been vaccinated against pertussis still get whooping cough.

Source:

http://www.mlive.com/news/jackson/index.ssf/2010/09/update_whooping_cough_on_the_r.html

32. *September 16, NPR* – (National) **VA, Spokane health records compiler to share military medical info.** Until now, when a veteran or an airman assigned to Fairchild Air Force Base is sent for medical care to a Spokane, Washington doctor, that patient's

military medical records haven't gone along. The same is true for the date compiled by his civilian doctor. But that's about to change. Spokane is to become the fourth community in the nation to be part of the Veterans Administration's (VA) Virtual Lifetime Electronic Record program. That's a new way to electronically transfer a vet's health information between the military and civilian health care systems. VA officials said more than half of the country's veterans and active duty military personnel receive at least part of their health outside of VA or Department of Defense facilities. The VA's spokeswoman said until now, military and civilian doctors have been unable to talk to each other electronically. Veterans already receiving health care from the VA and local medical facilities are being invited to sign up to participate in the pilot medical records sharing program.

Source:

<http://www.publicbroadcasting.net/kplu/news.newsmain/article/1/0/1701366/KPLU.Local.News/VA..Spokane.Health.Records.Compiler.to.Share.Military.Medical.Info>

33. *September 16, msnbc.com* – (National) **Hospital violence on the rise, agency warns.** The shooting that left a doctor in critical condition September 16 at Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore, Maryland is only the latest example of a rising trend of violence in health care settings, experts said. “Once considered safe havens, health care institutions today are confronting steadily increasing rates of crime, including violent crime,” said an alert issued in June by the Joint Commission, a national accrediting agency. A text message poll of 100 emergency room doctors, conducted by Truth On Call for msnbc.com found that 59 percent of doctors said violence in the health care setting is a growing concern; 41 percent said the September 16 shooting was an anomaly. Since 2004, the number of assaults, rapes and murders reported to the commission rose steadily, with the greatest number of reports in the last 3 years: There were 36 incidents nationwide in 2007, 41 in 2008 and 33 in 2009. According to the Joint Commission's voluntary reporting system, there were 256 assaults, rapes or homicides of patients and visitors at American health centers since 1995, with 110 of those acts occurring after 2007.

Source: http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/39213800/ns/health-health_care/

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Government Facilities Sector

34. *September 17, FOXNews.com* – (District of Columbia) **Gunman taken down by U.S. Capitol police in D.C. shooting incident.** Capitol Hill police (USCP) confirmed September 17 one man was shot by officers after being seen brandishing a weapon within walking distance of the U.S. Capitol in Washington, D.C. USCP said no officers were injured in the confrontation. They became aware of an armed man said to be walking around a Capitol Hill neighborhood at 5 a.m. “A few moment later, the suspect was observed brandishing a weapon directly at USCP officers at 2 & C St., SW. Fearing for their lives, officers fired their weapons,” a USCP spokeswoman said in a statement. “The sole suspect in this isolated incident has been transported to an area hospital (status unknown). No other injuries were reported,” she said. Reports from

local station WTTG said the suspect was shot in the abdomen, but was still breathing and was transported to the hospital.

Source: <http://www.foxnews.com/us/2010/09/17/gunman-taken-capitol-police-dc-shooting-incident/>

35. *September 15, Dayton Daily News* – (Ohio) **Police, FBI investigating letters sent to KinderCare centers.** Police and the FBI are investigating threatening letters sent to two KinderCare centers in Ohio, a KinderCare spokesman said September 15. “It’s a very serious investigation,” said an official with KinderCare, which operates about 1,700 facilities nationwide, including nearly a dozen in the greater Dayton area. “(Authorities) have told us they don’t believe our centers were the target of the threat. KinderCare was not named in the letter.” However, the letters did state that everyone at KinderCare centers should die in 9/11-style attacks,” according to a release from Fairfield Township police in Butler County. A KinderCare center there received one of the letters. Another was delivered to a KinderCare center on North Dixie Drive in Butler Township. Although the letters arrived on different days, there was reason to believe they were sent the same day. The company “immediately notified the parents and we brought in extra security,” the KinderCare official said.
Source: <http://www.daytondailynews.com/news/crime/police-fbi-investigating-letters-sent-to-kindercare-centers-920389.html>

36. *September 15, Lansing State Journal* – (Michigan) **Bomb threat prompts evacuation of county building, but nothing found.** A bomb threat September 15 prompted police to evacuate the building complex in downtown Lansing, Michigan, that houses the Ingham County Prosecutor’s Office, and the Ingham County Circuit Court. Three Lansing police K-9 units were used to sweep both buildings and nothing was found, said a police spokesman. The threat was called in at about 1:47 p.m., police said, and the West Kalamazoo Street complex was evacuated soon after. The threat was directed at the Grady Porter Building, which houses the prosecutor’s office as well as other court offices and the probation department. Attached to that building is the Veterans Memorial Courthouse. Both buildings were evacuated. The police spokesman said investigators have “a promising lead that we’re hopeful will point us to the identity of the suspect.”
Source:
<http://www.lansingstatejournal.com/article/20100915/NEWS01/309150037/1002/NEWS01>

37. *September 15, KCTV 5 Kansas City* – (Missouri) **Bomb threat forces evacuation at KCMO building.** Kansas City, Missouri, police September 15 investigated a bomb threat made at a building at 2300 Main St., but announced at 11:55 a.m. that no bomb was found. The threat was left on a voice mail at a first-floor office around 8:15 a.m., a source said. The source said the voice mail is believed to be from a disgruntled employee who was recently laid off, but police have not said anything about where the threat came from. Employees who were evacuated from the building said it houses several federal government offices including the Department of Labor and Occupational Safety and Health Administration. Workers were evacuated and later sent

home for the day. The Department of Homeland Security, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, and Kansas City police were searching the building, room-by-room, with bomb-sniffing dogs.

Source: <http://www.kctv5.com/news/25019326/detail.html>

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Emergency Services Sector

38. *September 17, KIRO 7 Seattle* – (Washington) **Grenade dropped off at Wash. police/fire station.** The University Place, Washington police and fire department headquarters were evacuated after what appeared to be a hand grenade was dropped off at the front desk September 16. The assistant fire chief said a woman was cleaning out some storage boxes when she found the World War II style grenade. The woman put the grenade in a plastic bag, took it to the front desk at the police station and told volunteers working the front desk, “There’s a bomb in here.” The police chief said the grenade appeared to be a mock up, and is not military. The Pierce County sheriff’s department bomb squad was called in to dispose of the grenade as a precaution. Source: <http://www.firehouse.com/news/top-headlines/grenade-dropped-wash-police/fire-station>

39. *September 17, Agence France-Presse* – (International) **Criminals stole Interpol chief’s Facebook identity.** Criminals stole the Facebook identity of Interpol’s head and used it to obtain information on an operation by the international police agency, he said. “Just recently Interpol’s Information Security Incident Response Team discovered two Facebook profiles attempting to assume my identity as Interpol’s secretary general,” he told the first Interpol Information Security Conference in Hong Kong.” One of the impersonators was using this profile to obtain information on fugitives targeted during our recent Operation Infra Red.” The operation brought together investigators from 29 member countries to target criminals on the run from justice for crimes including murder, pedophilia, drug trafficking and money laundering, Interpol’s Web site said. Source: <http://www.google.com/hostednews/afp/article/ALeqM5h0Ym2JQp3rQqBVemA5tWciwTvQAq>

40. *September 16, Associated Press* – (National) **GAO to look into FBI’s handling of anthrax probe.** The investigative arm of Congress said it will review the scientific methods the FBI used when it concluded that an Army scientist acted alone in the 2001 anthrax mailings. In a letter to a Democratic Representative from New Jersey, the Government Accountability Office (GAO) said it will look into what scientific concerns and uncertainties, if any, remain in the case. The GAO also will examine how effective federal agencies are in monitoring high-containment laboratories in the United States and abroad. The National Academy of Sciences is conducting a separate,

independent review due this fall of the scientific approaches the FBI employed in its anthrax probe. The GAO said it will review the academy's work in order to avoid duplication.

Source: <http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2010/09/16/AR2010091603180.html>

41. *September 16, Federal Computer Week* – (National) **Panel recommends national disaster database for DOD.** A panel created by Congress recommended creating a central federal/defense data depository to track disaster response efforts, and nearly 40 other measures to improve how the Defense Department (DOD) supports civilian authorities for disaster responses. The panel, in a September 15 report, advised establishing a nationwide repository of data on federal military responses, developing a common operating picture to coordinate defense and civilian responses, encouraging sharing of response plans across jurisdictions, and increasing DOD's training and capacity for response to chemical, radiological, nuclear, biological and explosive disasters. Congress created the Advisory Panel on Department of Defense Capabilities for Support of Civil Authorities After Certain Incidents under the defense authorization law of 2008, as amended in 2009. The Rand Corporation provided research and administrative support.

Source: <http://fcw.com/articles/2010/09/16/expert-panel-recommends-more-defense-disaster-data-and-incident-awareness.aspx>

42. *September 15, Baltimore Sun* – (Maryland) **Firefighters investigate fire on Coast Guard ship in Curtis Bay.** Firefighters continue to investigate the cause of a September 14 fire involving a 270-foot long Coast Guard boat. A spokesman with the Anne Arundel County fire department said about 47 firefighters were called at 10:32 p.m. to a dry dock in the Curtis Bay Coast Guard Yard, because of smoke coming from the hull of the ship. He said the firefighters had to climb up four stories to get inside the boat that was in the dry dock and then travel down three floors to the third level of the main deck. The fire is believed to have been started by an electrical fire in an area near the engine room, the spokesman said.

Source: http://articles.baltimoresun.com/2010-09-15/news/bs-md-ar-boat-fire-20100915_1_electrical-fire-coast-guard-ship-engine-room

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Information Technology Sector

43. *September 17, Computerworld* – (International) **Researchers issue homemade patch for PDF zero-day bug.** A little-known security firm September 15 released a home-brewed patch for a critical bug in Adobe Reader that hackers are already exploiting. RamzAfzar, whose Web site bills it as a penetration testing company, reworked a flawed Adobe dynamic link library, or DLL, to replace the vulnerable "strcat" API call with the more secure alternative, "strncat." To install the latest patch, users must download the revamped "CoolType.dll" created by RamzAfzar, then copy it to the Windows folder where Adobe's DLL by the same name is located. Adobe confirmed

September 17 that RamzAfzar's patched CoolType.dll seemed to do the trick. "At first glance, their DLL appears to prevent the crash [that can lead to remote code execution], but we have not performed a thorough investigation," a company spokeswoman said in an e-mail. Nonetheless, Adobe warned users to steer clear. "A DLL is equivalent to an .EXE. Users should never install executables from an untrusted publisher on their machine," the spokeswoman added. Adobe will release its official update for Reader sometime during the week of October 4.

Source:

http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9186420/Researchers_issue_homemade_patch_for_PDF_zero_day_bug

44. *September 16, Computerworld* – (International) **Google patches Chrome second time this month.** Google patched 10 vulnerabilities in Chrome, including one pegged critical on the Mac. The September 14 security update brings the number of Chrome flaws fixed in September to 26. Of the 10 bugs patched, one was rated "critical." Six were ranked as "high," and three were labeled as "low." The one critical flaw is a Mac-only bug that Google said was a second crack at an earlier bug. Two others, both categorized as low-level threats, were Linux-only vulnerabilities. Other just-patched bugs included a pair that addressed problems with parsing SVG (scalable vector graphics) elements embedded in Web sites, and a memory corruption vulnerability in Chrome's geolocation API, which lets Web application and site developers pinpoint users' location, typically on a map service like Google Maps.

Source:

http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9186178/Google_patches_Chrome_second_time_this_month

45. *September 16, PC Magazine* – (International) **HDCP master key confirmed; Blu-ray content vulnerable.** The leaked HDCP master key protecting millions of protected devices, including Blu-ray drives, that was posted to the Web has been confirmed as legitimate, Intel representatives said September 16. The disclosure means, in effect, that the content flowing over the encrypted HDMI connection may be recorded and authenticated using an unlicensed device. An Intel spokesman said after 2 days of investigation, the company had informed its partners and licensees that the key, which was posted online September 14, was indeed legitimate. As a practical matter, the most likely scenario for a hacker would be to create a computer chip with the master key embedded in it, that could be used to decode Blu-ray discs. A software decoder is unlikely, "but I'd never say never," the Intel spokesman said.

Source: <http://www.pcmag.com/article2/0,2817,2369280,00.asp>

46. *September 15, CNET News* – (International) **Google fires engineer for privacy breach.** Google confirmed September 14 that it fired an employee earlier this year for violating its policies on accessing the accounts of its users. Earlier in the day, Gawker reported that an engineer in Google's Seattle, Washington offices used his position as a key engineer evaluating the health of Google's services to break into the Gmail and Google Voice accounts of several children. After parents of the children complained to Google, Gawker said the engineer was dismissed, and Google confirmed that move

later September 14. “We dismissed [the engineer] for breaking Google’s strict internal privacy policies. We carefully control the number of employees who have access to our systems, and we regularly upgrade our security controls — for example, we are significantly increasing the amount of time we spend auditing our logs to ensure those controls are effective,” a Google spokesman said in a statement. The report raises questions regarding how effective Google’s systems are in preventing a potentially rogue engineer from abusing his position. It is not clear whether the increase in the amount of time auditing logs referenced in the Google statement was directly related to the engineer’s incident.

Source: <http://edition.cnn.com/2010/TECH/web/09/15/google.privacy.firing/>

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To report cyber infrastructure incidents or to request information, please contact US-CERT at sos@us-cert.gov or visit their Web site: <http://www.us-cert.gov>

Information on IT information sharing and analysis can be found at the IT ISAC (Information Sharing and Analysis Center) Web site: <https://www.it-isac.org>

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Communications Sector

47. *September 17, eWeek* – (National) **FCC broadband agenda for small businesses advances.** The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) chairman announced the next step in advancing the agency’s small business broadband agenda, part of a broader FCC plan which includes connecting communities to broadband through the Universal Service Fund, promoting mobile connectivity by unleashing more spectrum, and, in partnership with the Small Business Administration, training small businesses to use digital tools to reach wider markets and improve their operations. He said the FCC will issue a Public Notice to help improve the FCC’s understanding of business broadband needs, a key recommendation in the National Broadband Plan. Specifically, the FCC is seeking comment on questions including what transmission services, technologies or types of facilities are used in the business broadband marketplace are relevant to a full understanding of the marketplace, and what the overall size of the business broadband marketplace is today in terms of revenues and demand. The Public Notice stated the FCC understands that optical fiber facilities are increasingly being used for higher-capacity offerings, but that legacy copper facilities (with or without higher-layer communication protocols), co-axial cable facilities, and wireless spectrum remain highly desirable transmission media that are used in a wide variety of circumstances. Source: <http://www.eweek.com/c/a/Midmarket/FCC-Broadband-Agenda-for-Small-Businesses-Advances-444137/>

48. *September 17, KPCC 89.3 Pasadena* – (California) **90.3 KPCV serving the Coachella Valley is off-air due to a power failure.** The 90.3 KPCV transmitter serving the

Coachella Valley is off the air September 17 due to a power failure at the transmitter site on Indio Peak in California. Station engineers and Imperial Valley Water and Power personnel are working to restore electrical service as soon possible.

Source: <http://www.scpr.org/about/press/903-kpcv-serving-coachella-valley-air-due-power-fa/>

49. *September 16, Olympia Olympian* – (Washington) **Severed cable kills phone, Web service for hundreds.** A construction accident severed a fiber-optic cable serving Olympia and Lacey, Washington, about 1:30 p.m. September 16, cutting off phone and Internet service to hundreds of businesses in Thurston County, a telecommunications official for Integra Telecom said. The vice president of corporate communications for Integra Telecom said he was optimistic that the fiber-optic cable would be repaired “in the next several hours.” Integra and other crews were working to repair the damaged cable. The cable was severed during work done by a third party, not Integra Telecom, he added. He said the severed cable was “most likely affecting more than Integra customers” because other telecoms likely use the same fiber-optic cable as Integra. Source: <http://www.theolympian.com/2010/09/16/1372220/severed-cable-kills-phone-web.html>
50. *September 16, Associated Press* – (Pennsylvania) **Verizon outage In 3 Pa. counties has been repaired.** A cut fiber optic cable was repaired September 16, a day after it interrupted Verizon cell phone and other services in three west central Pennsylvania counties. Thousands of customers in Clearfield, Elk and Jefferson counties lost service for most of the day September 15. Some customers also lost Internet service or found it to be sporadic. A Verizon spokeswoman said the Punxsutawney area was affected by a line that was cut near Johnstown. The line that was cut was operated by a third party that she did not identify. The problem was fixed about 4:30 p.m., but some short service interruptions continued. Crews must determine if the repair has solved the problem or if more work is needed to iron out remaining glitches. Source: <http://cbs3.com/wireapnewspa/Verizon.outage.that.2.1915893.html>
51. *September 16, Canton Repository* – (Ohio) **1,300 Massillon Cable customers lose service.** Some Massillon Cable customers in Massillon, Ohio lost service when construction crews working on the Hills and Dales Road project cut a service cable. The outage has affected about 1,300 cable and modem customers in the northeast section of Massillon and Jackson Township. Repair crews are at the site, hoping to have service fully restored by the evening, according to the cable company. Source: <http://www.cantonrep.com/newsnow/x718564381/1-300-Massillon-Cable-customers-lose-service>
52. *September 16, Yuma Sun* – (Arizona) **Dump truck wreck cuts phone, Internet service.** An estimated 300 to 400 Qwest customers were without phone and Internet service September 16 after a dump truck snagged an overhead telephone line in Yuma, Arizona. “Qwest places a priority on customer service and restoration of that service regardless of the cause of the outage,” a Qwest spokesman said. “Our technicians are confident they will have full service restored before 8 p.m. (September 16).” According

to the Yuma Police Department, at about 10:58 a.m., officers responded to a report of a single-vehicle collision involving telephone lines at the intersection. The police investigation revealed that the accident involved a 1997 Peterbilt dump truck owned by Zeller's Excavating & Paving. The truck was driven by 56-year-old from Yuma. As the driver was attempting a right turn from 1st Avenue onto 5th Street, the bed of the dump truck, which was in the elevated position, snagged the overhead telephone line hanging across 1st Avenue.

Source: <http://www.yumasun.com/news/truck-63947-service-dump.html>

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Commercial Facilities Sector

53. *September 17, KSDK 5 St. Louis* – (Missouri) **Reward offered in fire that levels rural Missouri church.** Fire investigators in Phelps County in south central Missouri with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives are offering a \$5,000 reward for information leading to an arrest associated with their investigation of a fire that destroyed the Calvary Fellowship Church. Officials said the fire was arson. Firefighters with the Duke Volunteer Fire Department arrived to find the structure fully involved, with the roof having already collapsed. The entire church and all of its contents were a total loss, although a dollar estimate has not yet been disclosed. Federal investigators were notified shortly after the suspicious nature of the fire was discovered. A potential suspect was identified but later ruled out according to the Phelps County sheriff.

Source: <http://www.ksdk.com/news/local/story.aspx?storyid=216934&catid=3>

54. *September 17, KSAT 12 San Antonio* – (Texas) **Report: 3 Injured in explosion, fire in Corpus Christi.** At least three people were injured, one critically, September 16 in an explosion and fire in Corpus Christi, Texas. The explosion happened at the Aquarium Inn near the Texas State Aquarium and the USS Lexington. The one critical patient was transported to a hospital in San Antonio. The Corpus Christi Caller-Times reported a UPS driver had just dropped off a package moments before the explosion, but investigators did not believe that it may have been the cause. Investigators said they have been in contact with the company that sent the package and the person who received it and do not suspect foul play. The explosion was felt for miles, and nearby cars had their windows blown out. Officials from the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, and the FBI are investigating. Officials said a gas leak may have led to the explosion.

Source: <http://www.ksat.com/news/25039470/detail.html>

55. *September 16, Patterson Irrigator* – (California) **Gas leak forces downtown Newman businesses to evacuate.** Nearly six blocks of downtown Newman, California, were closed September 14 when the threat of a gas leak at a construction site forced as many as 60 downtown businesses to evacuate. The leak began at about 1:40 p.m. when a construction crew excavating for the city's new downtown plaza struck and ruptured an active 2-inch gas line near Highway 33 and Tulare Street. Pacific Gas and Electric Co. workers were called immediately, and they capped the line to stop the leak at about

4:10 p.m. Authorities acted fast to evacuate 50 to 60 businesses and more than a dozen apartments and homes just after learning about the leak, in light of last week's gas pipeline explosion in San Bruno. No injuries or fires resulted from the gas leak.

Source: http://www.pattersonirrigator.com/view/full_story/9544365/article-Gas-leak-forces-downtown-Newman-businesses-to-evacuate?instance=secondary_stories_left_column

56. *September 15, WFOR 4 Miami* – (Florida) **Weston temples evacuated after bomb threats.** A pair of Weston, Florida temples were evacuated September 15 after someone called to say bombs had been planted at each location. According to the Broward sheriff's office, around 8:40 a.m., someone called the Temple Dor Dorim, located at 2360 Glades Circle, and said there was a bomb on the premises. The caller also said there was a second bomb at Temple Bnai Aviv on Indian Trace. Sheriff's deputies immediately went to both temples and evacuated them. Members of the department's bomb squad were then called in to check out the houses of worship before anyone was allowed back inside. "We had our bomb squad come out, homeland security, along with some other assets; they went through the buildings. At no time was anything found there was no danger. There's no harm here," said a spokesman for the Broward Sheriff Fire Rescue.

Source: <http://cbs4.com/local/weston.temples.bomb.2.1914134.html>

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National Monuments and Icons Sector

57. *September 16, Salt Lake Tribune* – (Utah) **Twitchell Canyon firefighting army tops 200, more crews on the way.** The lightning-sparked wildfire burning in central Utah's Twitchell Canyon grew to 21,000 acres September 16, but crews expected to begin getting the upper hand as additional resources were brought to bear. The blaze, which began as thunderstorms moved through the region July 20, continued to scorch swatches of conifer and shrub lands about 7 miles east of Manderville Reservoir. However, more than 200 firefighters were on the lines late September 16, and another 40 were expected to join the effort by nightfall, a Forest Service spokeswoman said. She said a fleet of five water- and fire-retardant-bearing helicopters were making drops on the flames, which in many places were difficult to reach on the ground because of the steep and rugged terrain of Fishlake National Forest. Meanwhile, the Utah Highway Patrol kept Interstate 70 open, which had been closed off-and-on earlier in the week, though traffic was periodically limited to one lane.

Source: <http://www.sltrib.com/sltrib/home/50298805-76/road-forest-canyon-creek.html.csp>

58. *September 10, Mountain News* – (California) **Lake Arrowhead Mountain-News.** Sheriff's deputies and U.S. Forest Service (USFS) employees swooped down on a marijuana farm 2 miles off Highway 138 near Silverwood Lake, California, September 10, seizing and destroying mature plants worth about \$8.7 million. The uprooting and burning of more than 2,900 plants from a remote canyon brought to

approximately 175,000 the number of marijuana plants destroyed in the San Bernardino Mountains this year. That quantity represents the largest amount of the illegal crop seized in recent years, said the sheriff's department's narcotics division. A force of about 20 agents, including personnel from two sheriff's department units and the USFS, descended on the pot plantation, located deep in a ravine with a water source nearby, at around 9 a.m. Though the raiders found two sleeping bags and supplies in hammocks as well as other signs of habitation, no growers were located. A sheriff's department helicopter threw dust and debris as it took five trips to ferry large bales of marijuana from the canyon to a waiting disposal bin. The pot, approximately 1,500 pounds of it, was taken to an undisclosed location and burned, said the lieutenant of the Twin Peaks station.

Source: <http://www.mountain-news.com/articles/2010/09/16/news/news1.txt>

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Dams Sector

59. *September 17, Fayetteville Observer* – (North Carolina) **Historic Hope Mills mill wheel broken by vandals.** A historic mechanical gear wheel that controlled a gate at the old Hope Mills Lake dam in Fayetteville, North Carolina, was discovered vandalized September 16, the town manager said. He said the wheel will be repaired. Some of the wheel's spokes were broken off but were recovered. The manager said he is awaiting an estimate for how much the repairs will cost. The damage was discovered when town workers went to the now-drained lake to remove the wheel for refurbishing. The manager said he could not tell what was used to do the damage. The wheel used to control a gate used to channel water between Hope Mills Lake and Cotton Mill No. 1. The water power generated the electricity to operate the mill. The wheel was removed from its base during construction of a new bridge and spillway following the loss of the lake in May 2003 but was still near the lake site. At a meeting last week, the town board of commissioners voted to pay \$2,950 to Gainey's Sandblasting to refurbish and install the wheel at the new dam, which was breached June 17.

Source: <http://www.fayobserver.com/articles/2010/09/16/1031366?sac=Home>

60. *September 17, Summit Daily News* – (Colorado) **Cyclist charged with trespass after taking on Dillon Dam security guards.** A man on a bicycle ignored security guards and tried to cross Dillon Dam, in Summit County, Colorado, after the road had closed for the night. One of the guards said he saw the man approaching and shined a spotlight to see who it was. Denver Water, which owns the dam, has closed the road nightly between 10 p.m. and 6 a.m. since the summer of 2008. Guards are stationed on either end supposedly in an effort to prevent terrorist attacks. The guard told deputies he had spoken with the Denver Water office and they wanted to press trespass charges. The man was charged with third degree trespass.

Source:

<http://www.summitdaily.com/article/20100917/NEWS/100919843/1078&ParentProfile=1055>

61. *September 16, Associated Press* – (North Dakota) **Cost to fix dam goes down.** Officials said the cost of repairing Clausen Springs Dam in Valley City, North Dakota has gotten more affordable. Renovation for the earthen dam near Kathryn is expected to cost about \$1.8 million. Engineers estimated earlier that repairing the dam would cost \$6 million due to poor soil conditions. Moore Engineering said the concrete structural spillway the company envisioned has now been replaced by less expensive concrete block and steel sheet piling. The 55 residents of Kathryn were evacuated for a few days in April 2009 after flooding began eroding the dam’s spillway 6 miles west of the town. National Guard soldiers in helicopters dropped more than 100, 1-ton sandbags to shore it up.
Source: <http://www.crookstontimes.com/news/x718560045/Cost-to-fix-dam-goes-down>
62. *September 16, Annapolis Capital* – (Maryland) **Dam at Waterworks Park in trouble.** State officials said that a dam at Waterworks Park in Annapolis, Maryland, needs major repairs, or the structure could break and cause a flood. The dam, owned by the City of Annapolis, needs to be repaired immediately because it could rupture at any time and send water into adjacent areas, said a Maryland Department of the Environment (DEP) spokesman. But the city has a different view of the problem’s urgency. A city spokesman, said the problem is serious and needs to be remedied soon, but there’s “no imminent risk of a breakdown.” Built sometime before 1920, the dam is 12-foot high and 270 feet long. The state inspected the dam last month and found that parts of the earthen interior had eroded, weakening the structure. “We basically have determined that the dam is unsafe and is urgently in need of repair or breach,” the DEP spokesman said. The state has given the city a consent order that details the problem, sets standards for repairs, and provides a timeline for the process. The city has not yet agreed to it, but the acting city manager said the matter will be finalized “soon,” and the city will repair the dam. Since the weak points were first identified, the reservoir’s level has been lowered to about 5 feet from the top of the dam, taking some pressure off the weakened structure, he said. City documents show that fixing the dam could cost as much as \$1.1 million, using the most expensive solution.
Source: <http://www.hometownannapolis.com/news/TOP/2010/09/16-29/Dam-at-Waterworks-Park-in-trouble.html>

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